

  
Councilmember Jack Evans

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to order the closing of a public alley in Square 220, bounded by 14th Street, N.W., 15th Street, N.W., H Street, N.W., and I ("Eye") Street, N.W., in Ward 2.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 220, S.O. 01-2388, Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2002".

Sec. 2. (a) The Council considered Bill 14-333, the Closing of a Public Alley in Square 220, S.O. 01-2388, Act of 2001, on first reading on December 4, 2001, following mark-up by the Committee of the Whole on November 20, 2001. Final reading on Bill 14-333 was held on December 18, 2001.

(b) The alley closing legislation will facilitate the re-development of the Bowen Building with approximately 212,000 square feet of office space and approximately 10,500 square feet of ground floor retail and an underground parking garage that will accommodate approximately 72 cars. This development will have a positive fiscal impact on the District of Columbia through the generation of substantial new property, income and sales tax revenues. The development will also create approximately 100 new construction jobs, a substantial number of which are expected to be filled by District residents.

(c) The Bowen Building is located in the Fifteenth Street Financial Historic District and,

consistent with the District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan and the Historic Landmark and  
Historic District Protection Act, the historically significant facades of the building as determined  
by the Historic Preservation Review Board and the Mayor's Agent for Historic Preservation will  
be retained through the redevelopment process. The Logan Circle Advisory Neighborhood  
Commission (ANC 2F) supports the development.

(d) Approval of the emergency legislation will allow the construction of the proposed  
development to proceed expeditiously. A building permit application has been submitted to the  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for review. The issuance of this permit is  
dependent on the Council's approval of the alley closing.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Closing  
of a Public Alley in Square 220, S.O. 01-2388, Emergency Act of 2002 be adopted after a single  
reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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